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Construction Begins on Honey Creek Resort Lodge

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Local Resident Is New Golf Superintendent at Honey Creek Resort State Park

MORAVIA, IA – The Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources has hired local resident Erik Hanson to manage the new 18-hole golf course at Honey Creek Resort State Park.

“We are excited to find a professional with strong golf course experience and understanding for natural resources, plus community roots,” said Terry Montgomery, project administrator for Honey Creek Resort State Park.

Hanson has more than 16 years experience as an assistant superintendent at a Chicago golf course, commuting from Moravia while working for that course for the last five years. As a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Hanson has a degree in Forest Management and is a Certified Arborist.

“Because our goal for the golf course is to respect the natural world and for the course to complement our state park setting, Erik’s forestry background is a huge plus,” said Montgomery.

The resort golf course has been certified by the National Audubon Society, a seal of approval given to courses that protect the environment, conserve natural resources and provide wildlife habitats. The course has been constructed on old crop land, returning acres of the surrounding area to native prairie and grasses.

“Golfers are really going to enjoy the scenic views this course offers,” said Hanson. “The holes are spread out from each other and offer excellent views of woodlands, prairie and the lake.”

The 18-hole, par-72 course offers bent grass fairways, and ranges from 5,243 to 6,952 yards in length. The course will have a 300-yard practice range and a club house for cart rental, concessions and merchandise.

According to Hanson, who has been on the job for about a month, the new Honey Creek Resort State Park staff is already mowing greens and fairways, readying the course for an early summer 2008 opening.

Hanson and his wife, Stephanie have lived in Moravia for about five years. They have a one-month old son, Kyler.

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